

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 15-39 are pending in the application, with Claims 15, 21, and 26 being independent. Claims 1-14 are canceled. Applicant amends Claims 15, 21, and 26 to further clarify features of the claimed subject matter. The original specification and drawings support these claim amendments at least at page 2, paragraph [0006], page 3, paragraphs [0014-0015], pages 5-6, paragraph [0017], and Figure 2. Therefore, Claims 15-39 are presented and directed to subject matter of the original disclosure.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

In the notice of non-compliant amendment dated December 4, 2009, the Office indicated that Applicant thanks the Office for identifying these minor informalities. The alleged non-compliance is that the status identifiers of claims 1-14 should be changed from withdrawn to canceled. Such status identifiers have been amended to read “(Canceled)” and the claims have been canceled. Applicant thanks the Office for identifying these minor informalities.

CONCLUSION

Claims 15-39 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Fees will be paid by credit card through the EFS Web, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number 12-0769.

Respectfully submitted,

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